

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1936

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 1999

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PREVENTION OF OVERPAYMENT FOR HOS-**  
 2 **PITAL DISCHARGES TO POST-ACUTE CARE**  
 3 **SERVICES BY ELIMINATING THE LIMITATION**  
 4 **ON THE NUMBER OF DIAGNOSIS-RELATED**  
 5 **GROUPS (DRGS) SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL**  
 6 **TRANSFER POLICY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(J) of the So-  
 8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(J)) is  
 9 amended—

10 (1) in clause (i), in the matter before subclause  
 11 (I)—

12 (A) by striking “, which is classified within  
 13 a diagnosis-related group described in clause  
 14 (iii), and”, and

15 (B) by inserting “and adjusting for dif-  
 16 ferences in length of stay among regions and  
 17 States to the extent the Secretary determines  
 18 such adjustment to be feasible and appropriate”  
 19 after “(as defined by the Secretary”;

20 (2) in clause (ii)—

21 (A) in the matter before subclause (I), by  
 22 striking “classified with a diagnosis-related  
 23 group (described in clause (iii))”, and

24 (B) in subclause (IV), by striking “clause  
 25 (iv)(I)” and inserting “clause (iii)”;

26 (3) by striking clause (iii); and

1 (4) in clause (iv)—

2 (A) by striking the dash after “description  
3 of” and all that follows up to “post-discharge”,

4 (B) by striking “; and” and all that follows  
5 and inserting a period, and

6 (C) by redesignating such clause as clause  
7 (iii).

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 subsection (a) apply to discharges occurring on or after  
10 October 1, 2000.

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